

**Food Distribution Task Force
Meeting Notes
October 10, 2013**

Group 3

Short Term Ideas

- 1) Establish a downtown indoor location with tables, chairs, etc. open 7 days a week that is a City-owned public/private partnership.
- 2) Use City Hall as a weekend feeding location: bathroom access, but there is a question of the number of people to feed and the capacity of the building.
- 3) Seek permission from the Good Shepard Soup Kitchen to serve food on weekends.
- 4) Set up 3 or 4 sites for food distribution within the general vicinity of Moore Square.
- 5) Continue serving food at Moore Square.
- 6) Use the old Salvation Army Building (now owned by the City) for feedings.
- 7) Open up City parks and vacant spaces for food distribution.
- 8) Approach downtown churches to act as care points.
- 9) Use the McLaurin Parking Lot as a food distribution site.
- 10) Install Port-a-Potties and trash facilities in neighborhood parks.
- 11) Revise the City Ordinance to allow feeding and create a permitting process for feeding.
- 12) MOU's and the Good Samaritan law.

Long Term Ideas

- 1) Establish a consistent place for food distribution that is well known and accessible.
- 2) City and private organizations partner to conduct research to determine the number of people being fed, the flow, etc. The results of the research could be used to determine facility requirements for food distribution.
- 3) The city and County should fund the cost of this research.
- 4) Establish multiple locations that are close to where those who need the food live.
- 5) Establish a care point facility at a stable location to assist those at the edge of homelessness.
- 6) Establish a "day shelter" type of facility.

Question:

- 1) Will the homeless be allowed in the "new" renovated Moore Square?
 - a. Answer: Yes.